

DATE: May 6, 2009

TO: Mayor Gardner and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: F. Wyatt Shields, City Manager

FROM: Wendy Block Sanford, Principal

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SUBJECT: "Growing Green" Presentation

Staff will present "Growing Green in the City of Falls Church" to the City Council as an information item. Wendy Block Sanford, Principal Planner and Brenda Creel, General Manager Department of Environmental Services, presented this information at the annual Virginia American Planning Association Conference in March.

The presentation presents a case study of how a small community can "Grow Green". The presentation highlights the various "green" policies and programs within the City of Falls Church that have led to a formal vision of sustainability within the City. The presentation discusses the important role of decision makers, staff, and citizen volunteers in achieving the City's goals. The results of these efforts are apparent around the City - in the new mixed use developments, the schools, City Hall and other municipal facilities, and within the community.

This presentation will also be posted on the City's website.